

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
May 26, 2015

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Raymond, Ryan, Shapiro, Wassmundt

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. Council-Staff Relations

Town Manager Matt Hart described the actions which have occurred since the Council requested the Town Attorney be asked to interact with department heads concerning their March 9, 2015 letter to the Town Manager.

Attorney Deneen reviewed the meeting with the department heads and spoke to First Amendment rulings and Council Rules of Procedures.

Council members discussed disruptions during meetings; the right of the public to speak; the obligation of Council members to the public; Councilors' requests for information; the role of decorum during meetings; mutual respect between Council members and staff; and whether an investigation of specific staff complaints is warranted.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded that the matter of Council-Staff Relations, Old Business (Item 5, 3-23-15 agenda), be continued to a date that is of mutual agreement among the Town Council, Town Attorney and Town Manager. The motion passed with Kegler, Kochenburger, Marcellino, Moran, Paterson, Ryan, Shapiro in favor and Raymond and Wassmundt in opposition.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Moran seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth C. Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk

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